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SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILE: ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES

REF: A. SECDEF 072323Z OCT 75

B. MAP AMMAN 2513

1. WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF REF A TRANSMITTING ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COST ESTIMATES FOR HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN. WE ASSUME THAT DOD FURNISHED ESTIMATES, DESPITE CAUTIONARY NOTE PARA 7 REF A TO USE THEM/ONLY IF NECESSARY AND THEN WITH ALL POSSIBLE DISCRETION", ARE IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO PROVIDE ESTIMATES TO CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER AS BASIS FOR HIS PRESENTATION TO SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE FULL COMMITMENT OF SAUDI FUNDING FOR HAWKS.
2. WE ARE THEREFORE PREPARING A LETTER, BASED ON COST ESTIMATES IN PARA 6 AND 7 REF A, AND INCLUDING CAUTIONARY NOTE THAT THESE ARE ONLY ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES SUBJECT TO LATER CHANGE AND REFINEMENT. WE INTEND TO PRESENT LETTER TO CHIEF OF STAFF PRIOR TO HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA. EXACT DATE IS STILL UNCERTAIN BUT HE MENTIONED EARLIER IT WOULD BE AFTER THE ID HOLIDAY (JUST FINISHED).
3. OUR LETTER ALSO INCLUDES ADDITION OF SOME UNCOSTED CATEGORIES OF EXPENSES (CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING) AS SUGGESTED IN REF B.

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4. WE NOTE THAT ESTIMATE FROM DOD IN PARA 6 REF A DID NOT INCLUDE CASE FOR A MISSILE STRATEGIC RESERVE OF 252 MISSILES, SUGGESTED IN MAP AMMAN 2432, DTG 291502Z 75 ALONG WITH OTHER GENERAL CATEGORIES OF HAWK COSTS). SHOULD WE CONCLUDE THAT OMISSION WAS A POLICY DECISION OR MERELY AN OVERSIGHT? JAF HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED INCLU-

SION THIS ITEM. WE ESTIMATE COST OF RESERVE AT \$25.5 MILLION. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER THIS CATEGORY CAN BE INCLUDED IN LETTER. IF THERE IS A RELUCTIANCE TO INCLUDE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF MISSILES, WE WOULD SUGGEST INCLUDING AT LEAST THE GENERAL CATEGORY AS AN UNCOSTED ITEM IN OUR LETTER.
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